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SUMMARY. THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM (MIT) OF THE NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP HELD ITS THIRD MEETING IN LONDON ON APRIL 15-17. MIT PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED SEVERAL WEAPONS EFFECTS ANALYSES WHICH WERE PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. DELEGATIONS ARRIVED AT SUBSTANTIAL CONSENSUS ON POINTS TO BE INCLUDED IN SECTION I-IV OF PROPOSED MIT REPORT. HOWEVER, DELEGATIONS COULD NOT AGREE ON SEVERAL POINTS CONCERNING THE FRAMEWORK FOR, AND SCOPE OF, CONCLUDING
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SECTION OF REPORT. CHAIRMAN WILL PROVIDE A SECOND DRAFT OF MIT REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19-21 IN OTTAWA, CANADA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM (MIT) OF THE NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP HELD ITS THIRD MEETING IN LONDON ON APRIL 15-17 (REF A). REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN MIT EXCEPT GREECE ATTENDED.

2. CHAIRMAN OF MIT (SHAW) CONDUCTED MEETING USING DRAFT MIT REPORT (POUCHED TO WASHINGTON), WHICH UK CIRCULATED EARLIER, AS AN "AGENDA" TO PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR MEETING. AFTER OPENING REMARKS, CHAIRMAN INVITED DELEGATIONS WHO HAD UNDERTAKEN TO ANALYZE SELECTED TARGETS (REF B) TO PRESENT THEIR WORK AND COMMENT ON HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANALYSES. NETHERLANDS REP EXPLAINED PROCEDURES WHICH HIS TEAM USED TO MAKE CALCULATIONS AND POINTED OUT HIGHLIGHTS OF PAPER, CIRCULATED EARLIER BY NETHERLANDS DELEGATION, WHICH ANALYZED EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR ATTACKS ON SELECTED BATTLEFIELD POINT AND AREA TARGETS. US REPS (REF C) CIRCULATED PAPERS WHICH ANALYZED EFFECTS OF EMPLOYING NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ON AIRFIELDS AND SELECTED HARD POINT TARGETS AND POINTED OUT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE ANALYSES. FRG REP CIRCULATED (WITHOUT DISCUSSION) A PAPER WHICH ANALYZED EFFECTS OF EMPLOYING NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ON A REPRESENTATIVE ARRAY OF TARGETS.

3. AFTER DISCUSSING THE ANALYSES AND PRESENTATIONS, MIT PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE STUDY TEAM HAD ACHIEVED SUFFICIENT CONSENSUS ON THE POINTS TO BE COVERED IN SECTIONS I-IV OF THE DRAFT MIT REPORT TO INVITE THE CHAIRMAN TO REDRAFT THESE SECTIONS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE DISCUSSION. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO DO SO AND WILL CIRCULATE A SECOND DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MIT MEETING. MIT PARTICIPANTS ALSO AGREED THAT, BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS, THE STUDY EFFORT WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE LAND/AIR BATTLE IN ALLIED COMMAND EUROPEAN AND WILL GIVE ONLY BRIEF ATTENTION TO THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT.

4. MIT PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED DIVERGING VIEWS ON SECTION V OF THE DRAFT MIT REPORT (IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY).
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SOME OF THE ISSUES IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS COULD NOT AGREE ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE BODY OF ASSUMPTIONS WHICH WOULD GOVERN THE STUDY; IN PARTICULAR, THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE IN MAINTAINING CONSISTENCY WITH PHASE I NPT FOLLOW-ON USE STUDIES. COMMENT: MAINTAINING CONSISTENCY WITH ASSUMPTIONS EMPLOYED IN PHASE I REGIONAL STUDIES MAY UNDULY LIMIT POSSIBLE OUTCOMES/CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY. END COMMENT.

B. THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERING TO CURRENTLY AGREED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING MIT REPORT AS OPPOSED TO EXTENDING COMPLETION DATE OF FINAL MIT REPORT, IF NECESSARY, TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION

OF POINTS IN GREATER DEPTH.

C. THE DEGREE TO WHICH MIT REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WELL AS NEW TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

D. I11-DEFINED DELINEATION BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MIT AND OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM, LEAVING OPEN THE QUESTION WHERE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT ISSUES MIGHT BE EXAMINED.

E. DIFFERING EXPECTATIONS OF THE DEGREE OF ANALYTICAL WORK NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE "MILITARY JUDGMENTS" WHICH WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE MIT REPORT.

5. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT, EVEN THOUGH NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT AGREE ON MANY OF THE ISSUES, HE WOULD PROVIDE A SECOND DRAFT OF SECTION V FOR MIT PARTICIPANTS TO CONSIDER AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE NEW DRAFT WOULD EXPRESS AT LEAST THE UK DELEGATION'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES AND VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE DISCUSSION. HE EMPHASISED THAT THESE VIEWS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RECONSIDERATION AND CHANGE, OR EVEN DELETION, AT THE NEXT MEETING.

6. US REP ASKED MIT CHAIRMAN TO PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE US CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY TO INCORPORATE INTO AN OVERALL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE JUNE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROGRESS
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REPORT COULD PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND DIRECTION OF THE STUDY, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP TO INCLUDE SUB-GROUPS AND TASKS. HE SUGGESTED IT MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE SUCH POINTS AS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE TYPES OF PROBLEMS BEING EXAMINED, ANALYSES UNDERWAY, MEETINGS CONDUCTED TO DATE, AND SHOULD INDICATE WHEN THE FINAL MIT REPORT CAN BE EXPECTED.

7. THE MIT AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT (FOURTH) MEETING IN OTTAWA, CANADA ON JUNE 19-21, AND TENTATIVELY PLANS TO HOLD THE FIFTH MEETING IN ROME, ITALY DURING WEEK OF JULY 21, 1975.
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